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Sent: 4/18/2016 9:18:06 PM
To: info@verreos.com
CC: Lane, Jackie [Lane.Jackie@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: HPNS formal response status

Dear Tony,

Thank you for your message. You don't need to send anything more formal.

The Navy is the lead agency responsible for the investigation and cleanup of the Hunters Point Naval Shipyard (HPNS). EPA and its state regulatory agency partners oversee and enforce Navy compliance with the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (commonly called the Superfund law) to ensure the cleanup at HPNS protects human health and the environment.

In 2012, the Navy's internal quality control review of work by its contractor, Tetra Tech, discovered discrepancies from the results they would have expected in some HPNS soil samples taken after removal actions. Subsequently, Tetra Tech conducted an internal investigation, resampled the areas of concern, and excavated soil that had levels of contamination above health-based cleanup goals. The Navy hired an independent contractor to oversee work of Tetra Tech and other contractors at HPNS. Tetra Tech summarized their actions in a report to the Navy dated April 2014..

EPA—along with California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC)—reviewed the sampling results in the April 2014 report carefully. No cleanup decisions had been made using the questionable data and future cleanup decisions will be based on the corrected data.

Other agencies also play roles related to radiation at HPNS. For example, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and CDPH oversee the licensing of radiation cleanup service providers, such as Tetra Tech. After concluding its investigation of Tetra Tech at HPNS, NRC recently issued a notice of apparent violation and is considering escalated enforcement action.

EPA will continue to closely review information about any new allegations that come to light and to monitor the actions of the Navy and other agencies with regard to work by Tetra Tech to inform any further EPA action.

For more information on the HPNS investigation and cleanup, contact Derek Robinson, BRAC Environmental Coordinator, 619-524-6026, derek.j.robinson1@navy.mil. For more information about Tetra Tech's NRC license, contact Diane Screnci, NRC public affairs officer: 610-337-5330. And of course, you can always call me any time, as you know.

- Lily

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From: Lane, Jackie
Sent: Tuesday, April 12, 2016 3:51 PM
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Subject: RE: APR 11, 2016 RE: HPNS formal response status

Dear Tony: I will forward your email request to Lily so you can obtain a formal response from EPA to your inquiry. She may call you to get clarification but will respond in writing to you. Thank you, Jackie

From: Verreos Insurance Agency [<mailto:info@verreos.com>]
Sent: Monday, April 11, 2016 12:51 PM
To: Lane, Jackie <Lane.Jackie@epa.gov>
Subject: APR 11, 2016 RE: HPNS formal response status

Hi Jackie,

At our last BVHP Task Force for Environmental Justice meeting, I asked when we might get a formal response from EPA on the persistent and new allegations reported by NBC news regarding a conspiracy to falsify required documentation and dumping hot radioactive and/or other toxic dirt on site which was reportedly required to have been removed off site? The news report identified a former independent contractor "whistle blower" who claimed to have firsthand knowledge of all the details except for proof of how far up the management chain of command the source can be tracked. The concern I expressed to everyone present at our last meeting is that without a formal criminal investigation by EPA and/or DOJ, it would seem as though there is no other way to compel those who know the truth about these dealings to testify under oath about it. In essence, it may be possible for the U.S. Navy to be innocent, or at least claim to be, while Lennar blames their subcontractor Tetrattech, who in turn attempts to shift all the responsibility to the independent contractors (like this whistle blower) who they hired and directed throughout the projects decades long phases. It's as if the project is so large that whomever is actually responsible for any actual illegal actions, has contrived a means to get away with lying about what they are doing while doing it right under the regulator's combined noses. It suggests to me that the proper level of oversight on such a major project may not be in place for no other reason than the extreme cost of assuring compliance.

Believing as I do that all of the regulatory personnel we have met are both very much concerned for community safety, and very professional about doing their work properly. The possibility that our government regulatory agencies can be badly fooled, and the public ends up being either exposed to unacceptable levels of health risks, and/or forced to pay to do additional unanticipated remediation work at some time in the future is just unacceptable.

I'm not sure if the EPA has received any written requests for response on these issues, and I'd like you to tell me if this email qualifies as such a formal request, or do I need to physically mail a letter to:

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Thank you.

Tony

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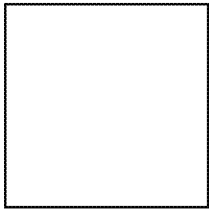
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